

**NOTICE OF INTENT**

**07-385**

**Department of Natural Resources  
Office of Conservation**

**Exploration & Production Waste (LAC 43:XIX.Chapter 3)**

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950, et seq) and Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (R.S. 30:4 et seq), the Louisiana Office of Conservation hereby gives notice of its intent to revise LAC 43:XIX. Chapter 3 (Statewide Order No. 29-B) Pollution Control- Onsite Storage, Exploration & Production Waste (E&P Waste) Generated from the Drilling and Production of Oil and Gas Wells (Oilfield Pit Regulations). These revisions include:

(1) all references in Chapter 3 to Nonhazardous Oilfield Waste (NOW) are changed to read Exploration and Production (E&P) waste;

(2) all references in Chapter 3 to Forms UIC-15, UIC-15-CP, and UIC-16 are changed to refer to Engineering Division forms (ENG-15, ENG-15-CP, and Eng-16) that replaced those of the Underground Injection Control (UIC) section;

(3) the manufactured liner thickness requirements of §301, incorrectly listed as 10 mm, is corrected to read 10 mil.;

(4) all references in Chapter 3 to the testing procedures used to analyze oilfield waste are changed to refer to the testing procedures contained in the recently revised manual titled "Laboratory Procedures for Analysis of Exploration and Production Waste";

(5) the reference in §311.D to radioisotope sampling and testing being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Environmental Quality, NORM Regulatory Guide is changed to read "shall comply with the requirements of the Department of Environmental Quality;

(6) the "Air Quality Division" of the Department of Environmental Quality, referenced in §307.C.4, is changed to read "Air Permits Division."

(6) the new §313.G provides for alternative method of pit closure by allowing properly processed exploration and production waste to be used for onsite land development purposes; and,

(7) the passive pit closure criteria of §313.H is changed to reflect current effluent guidelines to be used in passive pit closure, provide current contact information for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Department of Environmental Quality, and reference the proper forms to be used in registering the pit.

The Commissioner of Conservation will conduct a public hearing at 9:00 am, Tuesday, June 26, 2007 in the Labelle Room located on the first floor of the LaSalle Building, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulations. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation by Docket No. 07-385. Such comments must be received no later than Sunday, June 10, 2007 at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to Doyle Johnson, P. O. Box 94275, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9275; hand delivered to 617 North Third Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; or by fax to (225) 342-2584.

**BY ORDER OF:**

**JAMES H. WELSH  
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION**

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94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF  
THE HEARING DATE.**